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| Serial No. 620,091 | Filing Date March 28, 2001 | Examiner Aryanpour, Mitra | Group Art Unit 3711 |
| Inventor(s) Kenneth W. Nimmons | | | |
| Title of Invention BASEBALL BASE WITH IDENTIFICATION | | | |

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| Small Entity | |
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| Rate | Add'l Fee |
| x \$9 = | |
| x 42 = | |
| + \$140 = | |
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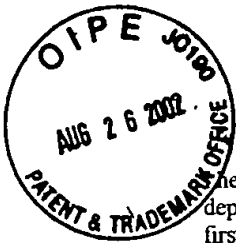
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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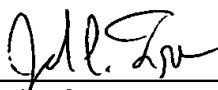
Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 21, 2002. In the Restriction Requirement, it was stated that the inventions of claims 1-18 directed to a base for use during the play of baseball or softball (Invention I) and claims 19-31 directed to a method of retrofitting an existing base for use during the play of baseball or softball (Invention II) were distinct from one another. Applicant elects the invention of claims 1-18 (Invention I) without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file the invention of claims 19-31 in a divisional

application.

The Restriction Requirement also required an election of species of the base of Invention I between the species shown in FIGS. 1 and 3 (Species I) and the species shown in FIGS. 10 and 11 (Species II). Applicant elects with traverse Species II that corresponds to claims 1-6 and 8-19, where claims 1-6 and 8-19 are generic to both species. It should be pointed out that the base shown in FIGS. 10 and 11 only differs from the base shown in FIGS. 1 and 3 in that it additionally includes an identification label in the form of a release paper with a screen print image added to the top of the base (See page 5, lines 6-10 of Applicant's Specification). Accordingly, the base of FIGS. 10 and 11 includes the cutout 80, label 82, plate 48 and post 42 of the base of FIGS. 1 and 3. Thus, the elected claims and the identification of generic claims are proper. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application in order to prosecute the species shown in FIGS. 1 and 3. Applicant traverses the election of species in that there would be significant overlap for the search for the inventions of both species and so there would be no hardship for both species to be searched and examined simultaneously. Accordingly, the election of species should be withdrawn and both species should be searched and examined.

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